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## NOTHING DOING ON THE MANDATORIES.

Wilson, to carry out arrangements he had no right to make at the peace conference when the allies were pulling the wool over his eyes and turning his head with adulation, now wants congress to have the United States act as mandate for Armenia. The people of this country, we believe, are dead set against any such plan, Wilson's wish or not. They believe the U. S. has been forced to mess around in European politics long enough. The United States has troubles enough of its own without acting as guardian and wet nurse for any other peoples thousands of miles away. Congress should kill the proposition dead rather than a door nail. We find ourselves very much in accord with W. J. Bryan, the greatest democrat of them all, on the Armenian mandatory or any other mandatory, when he gave four cogent and succinct reasons in opposition.

"First," he said, "the one proposed for Armenia, if accepted, would involve us in an enormous expenditure at a time when war taxation is so grievous that congress had difficulty in finding the money necessary to do justice to the men who served in the world war."

"Second, it would involve us in the politics of Europe and compel us to deal with implacable race hatreds."

"Third, it would involve us in the fierce commercial rivalry of the big nations."

"Fourth, worst of all, it would compel us to surrender a vital principle of democracy; namely, that all people are capable of self government."

## BETTER OFF WITHOUT THEM.

The story that at the time a woman in a Missouri town was evicted from her home and placed upon charity two of her sons were in jail for thieving, might on first thought suggest that if the lady were freed the case of their parent might be better.

True, her position now is lamentable and anything done for her might mean an improvement, but who thinks that sons unmanly enough or thoughtless enough to desert her in the first place could be depended upon to rescue her now? If they had any wit they would have known that she would be evicted from her home if they did not aid her, and if they had any manhood they would have stood by her. Instead they are found held in another state in connection with thefts from railroad yards.

Until they show awakening manhood their mother will be better off without them—"better off" because while they deserted her, she found others ready to care for her. They certainly are in no position to expect leniency.

## DEATH ON THE RAIL.

The lamentable death of the Buttner boy, who was cut in two by a train while crossing the tracks, is only another proof that safety in the crowded Calumet region is a matter of eternal vigilance. Here was

a trained Boy Scout who must have lost his head. He was looking for a train on one track as he was crossing the rails, but evidently forgot to look on the track opposite on which a fast train was bearing down on him. It is only one of a series of shocking accidents which occur regularly in one place or another. Parents cannot impress too strongly upon the young minds in their care that caution should be constant. This fact should be drilled into them. Let no one venture on the rails unless it is absolutely necessary and then only with the exercise of utmost vigilance.

## ROMANCES THING OF THE PAST.

Romance in the west has gone. Most of the picturesque features of boom towns have fallen before the demand of modern industry. In the great Texas oil fields, amid the mad rush of the "black grease" gangs of the Ranger gusher district, the cumbersome wagons drawn by plodding oxen are relics of the past.

Texas mud proved too deep for the beasts of burden—now great loads of oil well casings and supplies are drawn by pneumatically equipped motor trucks, according to recent reports of Goodyear investigators.

The powerful, mild-eyed oxen, formerly as characteristic of the oil fields as the burros were to gold miners are as scarce in the gusher districts as the dodo bird.

## PRICE CUTTING WAR DISASTROUS.

The price cutting campaign seems to have died a violent death—if there ever was a price cutting campaign. The good it did is not visible to the naked eye, at least in this ball-tick. The New York Globe says that "The public is pathetically willing to believe that price cutting by a few department stores, accompanied by the contraction in loans and a selling movement in stocks and bonds, indicates that the peak of high prices has been passed. These surface symptoms, unhappily, prove nothing of the kind. Beyond doubt there is a certain slack in prices which can be taken up. Manufacturers, middlemen and retailers may have been receiving unnecessarily large profits, and the recent rebellion of a part of the buying public may have made it necessary to cut profits in order to sell at all. There has been a slight drop in the wholesale price of clothing. Certain wise merchants have realized that they would gain more on a quick turnover by reducing prices than they would save by keeping prices up with a slower turnover. If all retail merchants cut prices this advantage will disappear, and if price-cutting wars follow, the weaker merchants are likely to be ruined with no permanent advantage to the consumer."

## THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE.

Witness the championing of Gov. Edwards, democratic candidate for president, by his campaign manager, Walter Vick, of New York, before the senate committee:

"Gov. Edwards is not a 'wet' candidate," Vick said. "He has not touched a drop of anything with alcohol in it for thirty years. His issue is 'personal liberty.' He is a believer in a state's sovereignty and in the right of the people of a state to exercise their right of 'personal liberty.'"

Senator Reed provoked laughter by remarking that "Gov. Edwards' candidacy is very dear to the hearts of a great many people."

We wonder how far Mr. Edwards thinks he will get anyway, when Mr. Bryan camps on his trail.

ONCE MOVERS took precautions with their pianos and mahogany furniture. Now they spend their precaution on what is moved from the cellar.

OMINOUS OF the reopening of the war is the news that troops are again being "hurled" here and there.

UNDER GOLD treatment the pound sterling is improving. Why not try it on francs?

THE NUMBER of "humble shop girls" are charming the Prince of Wales is becoming interesting.

IT SEEMS to be necessary to wage peace in Germany.

FRANCE SEEMS a convert to David Harum's philosophy in proceeding to "do it fast."

## THE PASSING SHOW

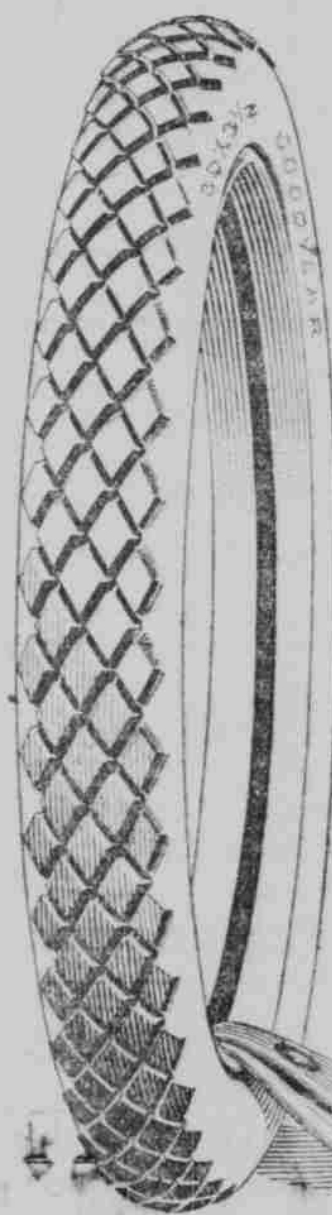
ONE of our little school friends ASKS if we knew that sheets of water COVER the beds of rivers. THAT'S quite a comforter to know that. OF course, rheumatism is BAD enough to carry around with you. BUT it is easy when compared to two pair of GLASSES and a toupee. IT seems as if the Germans in Europe ARE only looking for another tag when THEY will kick the lining out of Uncle Sam.

AND get even with him for THROWING a monkey wrench into their machinery. A MARRIED man does the things that HIS wife wants him to, but that's no sign. BLESS your heart, that he wants to do them. IT is not only wicked to swear, BUT it is needless; for instance A WOMAN can put all the rage and CONTEMPT that any possible circumstances COULD call for into the simple AND perfectly moral exclamation, "Oh, you." WE know a maid who has a TERRIBLE time deciding whether to GIVE up the night policeman for the milkman. OR vice versa. WE have often wondered why some GRAND opera stars close their eyes when singing. AND have finally arrived at

THE conclusion that they do so because THEY cannot bear TO see people suffer. BOTH the national conventions this year HAPPEN on bad days, as far as we are concerned. AS WE have arranged to attend a CONVENTION of cutworms and lettuce lice IN OUR high cost of living garden in June. IF you want a thing well done DON'T do it yourself unless you know how. WE once knew a lovely woman WHO sued her husband for divorce ON THE ground of incompatibility—because HE wouldn't argue with her. WE have tried it and, take it from us, PUTTING your foot on the rail in FRONT of a bar doesn't make a soft DRINK taste any stronger. WE often have had occasion

TO BE grateful for the mere accident OF SEX, as it turned out in our own case. AND we know perfectly well that if we HAD to walk around even in a kimono AND that only partially buttoned up, the thing WOULD be wrapping itself around our legs EVERY three or four steps. AND very likely tripping us up completely. AFTER father has debated learnedly ON the great question of the hour, it makes no DIFFERENCE what it is, son will quit doing his ARITHMETIC long enough to ask FATHER the difference between latitude and LONGITUDE, or something like that. AND father will tell son not to bother him BECAUSE father doesn't dare admit THAT he doesn't know the difference.

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